

Junction Gang News

October 31, 2012

(Tips and links for model railroaders and railfans!)

My web page has been updated!

–new Layout at a Glance Page

–“Junction Gang News “ newsletter has been archived as well!

All at www.junctionwestsub.ca

The Canada Southern Railway Station (Talbot Street, St. Thomas) in conjunction with the Elgin County Railway Museum will be hosting an evening slide show presented by noted rail historian and photographer Helmut Ostermann documenting “*Whatever Happened to St. Thomas? Over 100 Years of Rail History in Railway City*” on **Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:00pm**. There will be a small admission fee of \$3.00 to cover expenses. For More Information Contact: Larry Longfield, 519-633-2535

[This is a repeat of his Nov. 1st Kingsville presentation.] Earlier link here:

<http://actionhobbiesrailroad.wordpress.com/2012/10/26/interview-with-historical-train-slide-show-8-presenter-helmut-ostermann/>

Toronto's Model Railroad Club is closing down [condos!!!]

TORONTO, October 30, 2012 - The Model Railroad Club of Toronto regretfully announces that effective April 30, 2013, the Club will terminate its long standing tenancy at 171 East Liberty Street, (formerly known as 37 Hanna Avenue) in the Liberty Village area. A recent casualty of Toronto's development drive, the Club will not be able to continue with its decades-long tenancy, and unfortunately will be dismantling its model railroad. Plans are underway to relocate to new premises and begin rebuilding the model railway.

<http://bcove.me/4axgn2qa>

Show Events

2012 Holiday Show Events All show times: 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Sat Dec 29, Sun Dec 30

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Admission: Adults \$10, Children \$6, Seniors \$8

75th Anniversary & Final Liberty Village Show Events 2013

Sat Feb 2, Sun Feb 3, Sat Feb 9, Sun Feb 10, Sat Feb 16, Sun Feb 17, Mon Feb 18

Admission: Adults \$10, Children \$6, Seniors \$8

The shows will also be posted this weekend on

www.eol.ca/~ianmc/2012shows.htm

and later moved to the 2013 list.

A heads up that CN gives grants to non-profits!

CN Retirees are able to get a grant from CN for non-profit charities and organizations.

Note that you must volunteer at your organization to receive a grant. My friend John Sims was able to get one for the Elgin County Railway Museum where we both volunteer!

Structure Plans galore!!

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/infrastructure/structures/04098/04098.pdf>

Andy Rudak's Cardboard Cities

<http://www.amusingplanet.com/2012/10/andy-rudaks-cardboard-cities.html>

Lots of Turntable info!! <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/node/4122>

RAILWAY PHOTO SITE: <http://www.rwrightrr.com/home/home.asp>

Steel mill model pictures

http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v282/don_csx/Steel%20Mill%20Update/

My friend Rick D. found these and thought you might like them too. Beautiful machines.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6OgSNQOTw2U>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8f9VF1NyDQ>

Model railroad podcast. <http://www.themodelrailroadpodcast.com/>

SITE FOR OLD STUFF that has been forgotten and left to degrade. [Mills, bridges, sawmills, abandoned mines, railways, steelworks and factories, etc.]

<http://www.pbase.com/jakobe/decay>

Vintage shots from days gone bye! <http://www.jalopyjournal.com/forum/showthread.php?t=428585>

Concrete pad for loading dock.

http://public.fotki.com/stryper50/187_scale_dioramas/concrete-pad-for-lo/

Make sure to check out some of his other photo albums!

1930s-40s in Colour

http://www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/sets/72157603671370361/

Do you like lumbering? The lumberjacks who felled California's giant redwoods:

<http://www.amusingplanet.com/2012/10/the-lumberjacks-who-felled-californias.html>

Wunderland has doubled, if not tripled it's size. Good shot of the computerized control room!

https://www.youtube.com/embed/ACkmg3Y64_s?rel=0

Toronto Union Station Construction Pics

<http://torontoist.com/2012/10/a-look-behind-the-construction-hoarding-at-union-station/>

and a year ago !! http://torontoist.com/2011/06/union_stations_root_canal/

FOR SALE!

"**TRAINS**" magazine collection from 1951. Contact is Don Broadbear (of SOLRS) 519 206-3958

**Thanks!!! to Manfred Lesser who donated a package of HO scale skunks(!!!) to our
“Operation Lifesaver” display layout at the Kitchener Train Show.
Link to his site: www.mldesigns.ca**

Model Railroad Rules To Live By

1. The object of this hobby is to have fun.
2. Buy some freight and passenger cars to go with your gross of engines.
3. Never **ever** tell a fellow modeler your scale is better then his.
4. At some point stop planning and start building the layout.
5. Never put perfection in front of running the trains.
6. Pay close attention to the track work, it can kill the fun.
7. Meet and bring your favorite engine, and have your friends bring their favorite engines.
8. Have a plan, and an era, so you don't buy a lot of stuff you don't need.
9. Listen to the critics, and weight their suggestions, and then do what you think is best.
10. Never argue with a rivet counter, you will lose.
11. Good running engines and dependable rolling stock are required to really have fun.
12. You don't have to agree, with your fellow modelers, to be friends
13. Have a spare of all tools, for when you lose the first one.
14. Keep the lubrication supplies handy and use them sometimes.
15. Clean the track before the trains stop running.
16. Know your economic, time, and space resources and plan accordingly.
17. In this hobby, "do overs" are a fact of life.
18. If you are a perfectionist, lighten up and cut the other people some slack.
19. If you are not a perfectionist, you can still lighten up and cut them some slack.
20. Never ever forget rule one.
21. Never, ever comment on what another modeler has just spent at the LHS.
22. Never, ever tell your wife or girlfriend what YOU just spent at the hobbyshop!
23. Keep your priorities in order. A hobby, like many things in life, is enjoyed most in moderation.
24. No matter how deep into a construction or modeling project you are, as soon as you're able to operate the layout, do so at least once a week, even if only for 20-30 minutes.
25. Even when freelancing, taking your design, construction, and operational queues from the prototype will save you a lot of time, money, and grief.
26. Operating at a prototypical pace, with delays for prototype functions (e.g. allowing time for your brakemen or conductor to walk, line switches, lace air hoses, etc.) can be a great way to "grow" even a very small layout and get more enjoyment from it.
27. Keep it simple.

LEST WE FORGET!

(In honour of my Dad)



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P.S. Let me know if you wish to be removed from the list or of anyone who might wish to be added!